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FOLNG SENT NEW DELHI FM CALCUTTA DATED JUNE 25TH.

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1. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SPOKESMEN ARE APPRENTLY INFORMALLY LETTING IT BE KNOWN TO NEWSMEN IN NEW DELHI THAT THERE IS FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR THE CHOGYAL'S RESISTANCE TO THE DEMOCRATIC URGES OF HIS PEOPLE.

2. JUNE 25 HINDUSTHAN STANDARD, "FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN NEW DELHI ,,THE SOURCES HERE SAY THAT THE MONARCH HAS TAKEN HIS PRESENT STANCE BECAUSE OF INNER QUOTE SOME FRIENDS AND ADVISERS END INNER QUOTE WHO INCLUDE FOREIGN ELEMENTS WORKING IN CALCUTTA." SISTER-PAPER, ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA (BENGALI LANGUAGE, 255,00 CIRCULATION) PLAYS SAME STORY.

3. JUNE 25 AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA, "FROM OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW DELHI....IT IS NOW KNOWN WHAT MADE THE CHOGYAL TO CHANGE HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIND AND TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC SET-UP TO

BE INTRODUCED IN SIKKIM. IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE CHOGYAL SHOULD ENTERTAIN THAT THERE SHOULD BE ANY ATTEMPT FROM THE PALACE TO RESILE FROM THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. POLITICAL OBSERVERS WILL NOT FEEL SURPRISED IF THERE ARE SOME INVISIBLE FOREIGN HANDS WORKING FROM BEHIND TO INFLUENCE THE PALACE THINKING."

4. JUNE 25 JUGANTAR (BENGALI-LANGUAGE, MASS CIRCULATION, SISTER PAPER OF AMRITAT BAZAR PATRIKA) CARRIED SAME STORY BUT PLAYED IT IN FRONT PAGE HEADLINES UNER CAPTION, "HAS THE CHOGYAL CHANGED HIS MIND AS RESULT OF FOREIGN POWER'S SUPPORT, DELHI IS WORRIED." PICKERING
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